



February 15, 2026

10:00 AM

Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

In-Person & Online Services



MISSION STATEMENT

Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.

VISION

A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God's love throughout the world.

BELIEFS

We Believe That:

All are created in the image of God, God loves everyone, and through Christ, He saves, revives, and renews the world, that God, through the Holy Spirit, changes lives, that the church is the body of Christ with a mission, that the Bible is the word of God, that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God, and that discipleship is a continuing journey.

†† – Those who are Able May stand

AAHH – African American Heritage Hymnal – **Yellow Hymnal**

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal – **Red Hymnal**

Welcome + Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

Introit

“High Praise”

Margaret Douroux**

†† Gathering Hymn

“Praise Him”

172 AAHH
 Donnie Harper**

Morning Prayer

Ruth Scarbrough

Prayer Response

“Oh, It Is Jesus”

Andrae Crouch**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24: 12-18
Matthew 17: 1-9

Gwen Outen

Sermonic Selection

“City Called Heaven”

arr. Josephine Poelinitz**
Dawn Robinson, Soloist

Sermon

“For Every Mountain”

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.
 Lead Pastor

†† Invitation to Christian Discipleship

“For Every Mountain”

Invitation to Give

Ruth Scarbrough

Offertory Selection

“Somebody's Knocking At Your Door”

arr. Dr. Raymond Wise**

†† Sending Hymn

“Day and Night Praise” **Anika Sampson-Anderson, Soloist**

Margaret Douroux**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

Postlude

“I Really Love the Lord”

Jimmy Dowell

**** Indicates Black composers & arrangers**

During the month of February, please note the many composers of color whose music we are performing. Take some time to look them up so you are aware of their contributions to the music field.

Worship Participants

Minister of Music

Everett Williams, Jr.

Music

Everett Williams, Jr., Dawn Robinson (Soloist),
 Anika Sampson-Anderson, (Soloist)

Liturgists

Ruth Scarbrough, Gwen Outen

Trustee On Duty

Canardo M. Richardson

Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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- 9:00 AM** **All-in-One Sunday School**
Ages 4-12, 3rd Floor, Room 208
- 10:00 AM** **Worship Service**
[In-person and online via Livestream]

Monday, February 16, 2026

- 3:00 PM** **Asburian Deadline**
- 7:00 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Adrienne Neal
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283
Passcode: 768211

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 11:00 AM** **Weekly Office Staff Meeting**
- 9:00 AM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Dr. Shopshire
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283
Passcode: 768211
- 7:00 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Robert Mallett
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283
Passcode: 768211

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- 12:00 PM** **Midweek Intercessory Prayer**
Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Rev. Ronald Bell, II
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283
Passcode: 768211

Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 1:00 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Brenda Reid-Sanders
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 828
Passcode: 768211
- 5:30 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Bryana Zavala
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283
Passcode: 768211

Friday, February 20, 2026

- 1:00 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Tawana Jackson
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283
Passcode: 768211
- 1:00 PM** **Small Group Bible Study**
Clyde Nelson
Zoom [Link](#); Dial In: 312-626-6799
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From The Senior Pastor's Desk | February 2026

Word for the Month: Bandages and Bibles



Grace and peace to you! We began this year with a guiding question: **Who is the Holy Spirit?** We explored not only who the Spirit is, but how the gifts and fruit of the Spirit shape our lives and form our faith. As we step into Black History Month, that same question invites us deeper. We know who the Holy Spirit is.

Now the question becomes how and where.

How have the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit protected, sustained, and elevated Black lives throughout history? Where was—and where is—the Holy Spirit in the Black journey? These are not abstract questions. They are sacred ones.

The Spirit was present in songs and ring-shouts sung under oppression, in prayers whispered in Hush Harbors when safety was uncertain, and in churches that became centers of hope, resistance, healing, and joy. The fruit of the Spirit showed up as joy that endured, peace that surpassed understanding, patience in the long struggle, and love that refused to be erased. The gifts of the Spirit emerged as prophetic courage, wisdom, healing, and communal imagination.

This month, our worship and preaching will lean into the **How** and the **Where** of the Holy Spirit in Black history—to testify to God's sustaining presence and liberating power. **Black History Month is not a pause in our walk with the Holy Spirit. It is a deeper step into it.** My prayer is that together we will recognize that the same Spirit who moved then is still moving now—among us, within us, and through us. Amen.

Parking Instructions



Monday - Friday

Asburyans and guests on church business should park in the parking garage and bring the printed parking ticket to be validated in the church office. Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). Drivers will scan the front of the ticket (invoice) and then the back (payment). Push the call button if you have any issues, and the LAZ Garage Staff will assist you.

Saturday & Sunday

Parking is available on Saturday and Sunday until 4 pm (unless otherwise noted). Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). The church provides parking passes (half sheet paper passes) to use as you exit the garage. **You must give the parking attendant your printed ticket and the parking pass.**



Asbury United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM [Office Closed]



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Monthly Highlight Focus on The Stewardship of Giving Young Adults Ministry ~ Bryana Zavala

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Giving plays a powerful role in creating spaces where our church family can gather, reflect, and grow together. Because of the generosity of our congregation, the Vision Board Party and Table Talk discussion was more than just activities. It was a meaningful moment of connection, faith, and intentional planning for the year ahead. Your gifts made it possible to provide resources, create a welcoming environment, and encourage thoughtful conversations rooted in purpose and vision. This spirit of giving continues to open doors for impactful programming like these and allows us to look forward to more opportunities to elevate our members and strengthen our community.



Please note that giving totals for **January 2026** went up from **\$48,266** to **\$55,986**. We are still counting on your continued financial support.

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.  
Chairperson Committee of Finance

Darryl Wyles  
Stewardship Chairperson







United  
Women  
in Faith



## **WOMEN'S DAY PLANNING MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



**Immediately following morning worship**

**Room G-1**

**All women of Asbury are invited**

**If you are unable to attend the Planning Meeting but you can help with Women's Day 2026, contact: Wilhelmina Goff or René Carter.**

**Women's Day 2026 is  
Sunday, April 12**





## You Are Welcome to Worship With Us!

We pray you are uplifted and encouraged.

### JOIN ON



[www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel](http://www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel)



[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
Click WATCH LIVESTREAM



[www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/](http://www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/)



Dial in: (301) 715-8592  
Meeting ID: 861-5564-3955#  
Code: 123456#

[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)

**JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY  
9:00AM  
3RD FLOOR**

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**Nursery thru 2nd Grades  
3rd - 5th Grades  
Twins/Teens**

## Sunday School

## Adult Sunday School

**All members and friends are cordially invited to join us on Sunday mornings for spiritually uplifting lessons and thought-provoking discussions. We meet in the Library at 9:00 am each Sunday morning. For more information text/call Patrice Blackman 301-922-9020.**

## ASBURY UMC

### WAYS TO GIVE

**IN PERSON**  
USE AN ENVELOPE  
OR WRITE A CHECK



**MAIL**  
926 11 STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20001



**ONLINE**



VISIT US AT  
[WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG](http://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG)  
CLICK GIVE

**APPS**

TEXT "GIVE"  
TO  
(202)952-9309

## NEHEMIAH

Shoulder to Shoulder  
for the Purposes of God

Thank you for your contributions to The Nehemiah Fund of Asbury United Methodist Church. The Nehemiah Fund provides emergency financial assistance to members of Asbury United Methodist Church and their immediate families who temporarily need help in meeting housing, nutritional, medical, security, or other essentials of daily living. In rare cases, the Fund may be accessed for burial assistance for members of Asbury United Methodist Church. The Fund may also be used to support needs of members of the community at large. The Fund is maintained by general and undesignated offerings made during the Communion offering on the first Sunday of each month or other period when an offering is taken associated with a Communion service at Asbury United Methodist Church. Requests for assistance are held in confidence and administered by our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.



### CALLING ALL ASBURY YOUTH...

*Asbury's Youth Ministry wants to hear about your 2026 Special Events*

LET'S SHOW UP AND SHOW OUT  
TEXT OR EMAIL YOUR YOUTH COORDINATORS



Sarita Copeland • (202) 302-9632 • [saritacopeland13@gmail.com](mailto:saritacopeland13@gmail.com)  
Chance Humbard • (301) 751-7178 • [chance.a.humbard@gmail.com](mailto:chance.a.humbard@gmail.com)

## Asbury Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal



○ Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Immediately after Service

○ Choir sings 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

### Psalm 100: 1-2

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.



## OPEN POSITION

We are currently looking for someone to fill the hospitality desk position on Saturdays and Sundays

### PLEASE CONTACT

**Martrice Green**

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair

at [martrice69@verizon.net](mailto:martrice69@verizon.net),  
for more information

Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, DC



## 21-Day Fast Journey

Question: When do you start?  
Answer: When you are ready?

Question: Where do you access the daily scriptures and fast information?  
Answer: Go to our website: [www.AsburyUMCDC.org](http://www.AsburyUMCDC.org), then click on the 21 Day Asbury fast link.



Beloved, this is not just a fast — it's a journey. A season to quiet the noise, listen for God's voice, and realign our hearts together as a community.





**Sight & Sound Theatre**

**Lancaster, PA**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026**

**Price per Adult Person \$205.00**

**Price per child 10 and under is \$120.00**

**Deposits for both is due by March 1, 2026**

**Adults \$105.00 and Children \$60.00**

**FINAL BALANCE IS DUE Sunday, May 17, 2026**

**Package Includes**

**Round trip Motorcoach on Air Condition Bus with Restroom & DVD Player to enjoy movies**

**Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord**

**Admission to Theater with Center ORCHESTRA SEATING**

**All taxes & Meal Gratuities**

**ONCE DEPOSITS ARE PAID, ALL TICKETS ARE FINAL, NO REFUNDS**

**NAMES** \_\_\_\_\_

**#of Tickets** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

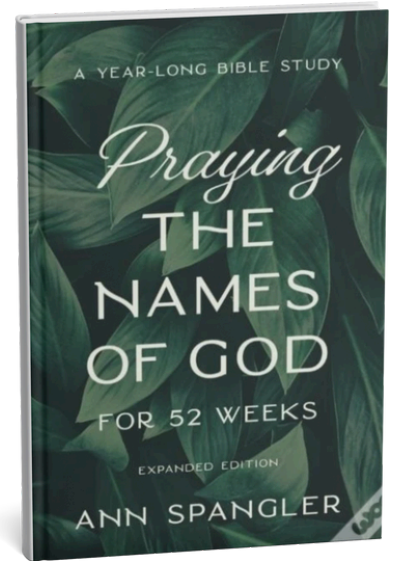
**Please Contact -Margaret Carter for further information.202-213-9146**

**ALL PROCEEDS LEFT WILL BE DONATED TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# A CHURCH-WIDE, YEAR-ROUND SMALL GROUPS BIBLE STUDY

## Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks, Expanded Edition by Ann Spangler

Buy your books here: [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0768482833) or [Christianbook.com](https://www.Christianbook.com)



## ***FACILITATORS:***



**Adrienne Neal**  
Mondays @ 7 PM



**Dr. Shopshire**  
Tuesdays @ 9 AM



**Robert Mallet**  
Tuesdays @ 7 PM



**Rev. Ron Bell**  
Wednesdays @ 6 PM



**Brenda Reid-Sanders**  
Thursdays @ 1 PM



**Bryana Zavala**  
Thursdays @ 5:30 PM



**Tawana Jackson**  
Saturdays @ 1 PM



**Clyde Nelson**  
Saturdays @ 1 PM

## **Zoom Meeting Info + Link**

**Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283**

**Passcode: 768211**

**URL:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84177578283?pwd=SWx8n9T8yhVtk7tMxzF3OHPFajr4EQ.1>





# PRAYING THE NAMES OF GOD, Ann Spangler

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## MORE INFORMATION:

Names in the ancient world did more than simply distinguish one person from another. They often conveyed the essential nature and character of a person. This is especially true when it comes to the names and titles of God recorded in the Bible.

Based on *Praying the Names of God* and *Praying the Names of Jesus*, two bestselling books by Ann Spangler, this unique Bible study helps you explore the most important of God's names and titles as they are revealed in the Bible. It also teaches you how to pray with specific focus on each of the names of God.

Each week's study will include:

- The name in English as well as in its original language, plus a brief explanation of its meaning.
- A key passage, from The Names of God Bible, in which the name is revealed. This translation places the Hebrew name of God directly into the English text, which will allow you to recognize each name as you compare the passage to your preferred Bible translation.
- Context to help you understand the name.
  - Questions for personal reflection.
- Guidance to help you pray the name of God for that week.
- Space to write your own prayers containing God's name.

## BOOK LINKS - Buy your books here:

**Christianbook.com**

**Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks, Expanded Edition: Ann Spangler:**  
**9780310145158 - Christianbook.com**

**Amazon:**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**PARADE OF PALMS**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER WITH THE CHILDREN**

**EASTER BASKETS FOR CHILDREN- INTERESTED IN HELPING/DONATING**

**CONTACT:**

**P. BLACKMAN** AT [PATRICEGHB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PATRICEGHB@GMAIL.COM)

**G. MCFADDEN** AT [GLOSTAR1@COMCAST.NET](mailto:GLOSTAR1@COMCAST.NET)

**V. WILLIFORD** AT [WILLIFORD\\_V@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WILLIFORD_V@HOTMAIL.COM)

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH - WOMEN'S DAY 2026**

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY**

**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**LAITY SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING "BAGSKET" DISTRIBUTION DAY: 11:30AM - 1:00PM**

**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DAY**

**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 9:00AM - 12 NOON**

**TBD**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO**

**SUNDAYS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT 9:00 AM FOR ALL AGES**

## GETTING AROUND

- There is an elevator in the Education Building that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms.
- Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th Street entrance. Pick up a parking pass from the 11th Street reception desk.
- Restrooms are on the lower level on either side of the narthex and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

## UPPER ROOM - DAILY READINGS

| DATE                        | SCRIPTURE            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026    | JOB 1: 13-22         |
| MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2026    | JAMES 2: 1-13        |
| TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2026   | MATTHEW 6: 25-30     |
| WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026 | ISAIAH 43: 18-21     |
| THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2026  | ROMANS 12 1-8        |
| FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2026    | PSALM 139: 1-6       |
| SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2026  | DEUTERONOMY 34: 9-12 |



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.**, Lead Pastor

**Everett P. Williams, Jr.**, Minister of Music

**Tawana C. Jackson**, Stephen Minister

**Monica McEaddy & Patrick Wilkerson**, Lay Leaders

**Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman**, District Superintendent

**Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling**, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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